(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Unhygienic Premises in SJ Hospital

*613. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cleanliness in the Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi is a far cry forcing the patients to go to private hospitals/nursing homes; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to make the Hospital neat and clean and infection free?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that the patients are forced to go to private hospitals/Nursing homes due to unhygienic conditions prevailing in the hospital. In fact that number of patients visiting the Safdarjung Hospital keeps on increasing every year and the average number of daily attendance of the patients during the year 2004 is 6032.

For maintaining hygienic conditions and proper sanitation in the Safdarjung Hospital premises, following steps are already in force:

1. Improving sanitation services in the entire campus by preparing lawns, parks and by demolishing unauthorized and old structures making way for open and breathing space in the hospital.
2. The hospital waste management services were brought to the standards, as per the guidelines of BMW (Management and Handlings) Rules, 1998, in order to make the hospital premises infection free.
3. The wards and intensive care areas have been upgraded. The corridors in all the buildings have been tile finished and the standard for cleanliness in all areas are being improved.
4. The toilets of all the buildings including OPD have been renovated and usual stench in the hospital is no more there. The sewerage system are being inspected at regular intervals and corrective

measures are being taken. A number of rainwater harvesting pits have been dug to tackle the problem of water logging and also to improve the ground water level.

5. Weekly meetings are being held with CPWD officials regarding completion of projects, maintenance, complaints etc.

6. Horticultural work is being done to give a fresh look in the hospital premises.

7. To solve water problem, dead wells have been energized and two new wells have been dug. Regular microbiological and chlorination checks are also followed regularly.

8. To improve the sanitation and waste disposal of VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, the entire hospital premises has been divided into three zones and for each zone a committee headed by a CMO, assisted by a Junior Engineer of CPWD has been constituted for regular monitoring of the cleanliness related matters in the hospital premises.

9. Sanitation work of some of the wards/departments of the Hospital has been entrusted to M/s Sulabh International, an NGO working in this field.

10. An Infection Control Committee exists in the Safdarjung Hospital. The Hospital makes it a point to lift samples from different departments ranging from the ICU, Department of Surgery, Paediatrics, Post-Surgery ward etc., (i.e. wards highly prone to infections). The hospital conducts Point Prevalence Survey to monitor the hospital acquired infections rate. The result so obtained are utilized to formulate the antibiotics use in patients and strengthen the infection control measures. To ensure absolute responsibility in the implementation of the above, the "Hospital Infection Control Committee" under the Chairmanship of Medical Superintendent functions all the time.

Pineapple juice concentration centres

*615. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pineapple juice concentration centres in different States of the country;